Embassies abroad for dissemination of the information to the international media to expose the disinformation campaign.

Pakistani spy ring busted in Kutch, Gujarat

1358. SHRI MURLIDHAR CANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Pakistani spy ring operating in Kutch, Gujarat was recently busted; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating their modus operandi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) One Junas Dosal, resident of District Kutch was apprehended on 5th May, 1991 while trying to cross over to India. A case under Official Secrets Act was registered against him. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details in this regard.

Interview of Governor of Kashmir

1359. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an interview given by the Governor of Kashmir to 'Janes Defence Weekly' as reported in the National Herald of August 2, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details of the incidents of Kahnyar and Chotta Bazar in Srinagar; and

(c) whether any further information confirming the Governor's view that 'Pakistan is conducting a proxy war in Kashmir' has come to Government's notice, if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

On 8th May, 1991, a patrolling party of Para Military Forces was fired upon by some terrorists in Khanyar, where a congregation was present for burial of dead bodies, The Para Military Forces also opened fire and in the crossfiring 11 persons were killed and 43 injured. Subsequently four more persons succumbed, to their injuries. A criminal case has been registered in connection with the incident of firing; a high level inquiry has been ordered and 3 CRPF personnel have been placed under suspension.

Another firing incident occured on 11th June '91 at Chota Bazar locality of Srinagar wherein 19 persons were killed and 6 injured. In this case also 2 criminal cases have been registered and investigation has been made over to CBI. A regular Court of Inquiry has also been ordered.

Interrogation of arrested terrorist and other information has revealed that arousing the Kashmiri youth in the name of Islam, Pakistani has been overtly funding, training, arming and infiltrating them back into the State to conduct terrorst operations for its secession from India.

Return of Gold from Portugal

1360. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1453 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1991 and states:

(a) how far the mission of the Minister of State for External Affairs to Portugal to secure return of the gold ornaments belonging to Goa was successful; and

(b) what schedule has been worked out for return of the gold?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) 280 Kgs of gold ornaments and other safe custody, articles were handed over by Banco Nacional Ultramarino (BNU) authorities to SBI officials on 30th July, 1991 in the Presence of Minister of State for External Affairs, at BNU Headquarters in Lisbon.

(b) The gold ornaments were flown back to India on 2nd August, '91. State Bank of India, Bombay issued notices in the newspapers on 11th August, in Goa, advising people to lodge their claims with State Bank of India branches. Since 16th August, about 1100 claims have been received by SBI and the process of settlement of claims is under way.

Dual Nationality to Indian citizens of erstwhile british colonies

1361. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether Government propose to grant dual nationality to Indian Citizens who were originally citizens of British colonies with parents of Indian origin ard such British Passport holders who after getting married to Indian husband renounced their British citizenship owing to the then prevalent rules of having only one nationality and settled in India although their entire family before marriage use to reside in U.K.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): No, Sir.

Deploying of Afghan Mujahiddeen by Pak in Poonch etc.

1362. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI BEKAL UTSTHI:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Patriot of 3rd July, 1991 to the effect that Pakistan has deployed Afghan Mujahideens and other guerillas along the line of actual control in Poonch, Rajouri and Uri to aid and abet militancy in J&K; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to tackle the situation arising therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir. There are unconfirmed reports about the assistance being given by some Afghan Mujahideens to the terrorists.

(b) As a part of our efforts to check infiltration and contain terrorism in the State, the Government has already stepped up vigil on the border, dusk to dawn curfew has been clamped in the 5 km belt along the border and line of control, Intelligence set up has been beefed up, Disturbed Areas Act and Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act have been enforced in the border districts and there is better co-ordination between the Army, Para-Military Forces and the State Police.

Targets for Criminals in Delhi

1363. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports captioned 'Easy